

BUSINESS AND NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS**Transportation: Generally**

The Stafford County School Board will operate its transportation system in compliance with the Code of Virginia as cited in the legal reference to this policy and the regulation of the State Board of Education.

The school board shall own and operate all school buses used for transporting students to and from the public schools. The school board also shall maintain and operate a central garage for servicing the buses and other vehicles owned by the school division.

Legal Reference: Through June 30, 1997

Code of Va., §22.1-176. Transportation of pupils authorized; when fee may be charged; contributions; regulations of Board of Education. - "A. School boards may provide for the transportation of pupils, but nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring such transportation except as provided in §22.1-221.

B. When a school board provides transportation to pupils for extracurricular activities, other than those covered by an activity fund, which are sponsored by the pupils' school apart from the regular instructional program and which the pupils are not required to attend or participate in, the school board may accept contributions for such transportation or charge each pupil utilizing such transportation a reasonable fee not to exceed his pro rata share of the cost of providing such transportation. A school board may waive such fees for any pupil whose parent or guardian is financially unable to pay them.

C. When a school board provides transportation to pupils for field trips which are a part of the program of the pupils' school or are sponsored by such school, the school board may accept contributions for such transportation.

D. The Board of Education shall promulgate such regulations as shall be in the public interest to effect the

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intent of this section. (Code 1950, §§22-72.1, 22-97.1; 1954, c. 291; 1956, Ex. Sess., c. 60; 1959, Ex. Sess., c. 79, §1; 1968, c. 501; 1970, c. 156; 1971, Ex. Sess., c. 161; 1972, c. 86; 1975, cc. 308, 328; 1976, c. 99; 1978, cc. 430, 527; 1980, c. 559.)

Code of Va., §22.1-182. Use of school buses for public purposes. -- "The school board of any school division may enter into agreements with the governing body of any county, city or town in the school division, any state agency or any agency established or identified pursuant to United States Public Law 89-73 or any law amendatory or supplemental thereto providing for the use of the school buses of such school division by such agency or by departments, boards, commissions or officers of such county, city or town for public purposes, including transportation for the elderly. Each such agreement shall provide for reimbursing the school board in full for the proportionate share of any and all costs, both fixed and variable, of such buses incurred by such school board attributable to the use of such buses pursuant to such agreement. The governing body, state agency or agency established or identified pursuant to United States Public Law 89-73 or any law amendatory or supplemental thereto shall indemnify and hold harmless the school board from any and all liability of the school board by virtue of use of such buses pursuant to an agreement authorized herein. (Code 1950, §22-151.2; 1973, c. 368; 1975, c. 633; 1980, c. 559.)

Code of Va., §22.1-183. When warning lights and identification to be covered. -- "It shall be unlawful for a school bus licensed in this Commonwealth to be operated on the public highways of this Commonwealth for the purpose of transporting persons or commodities other than school personnel, school children or elderly or mentally or physically handicapped persons unless the lettered identification and school bus traffic warning lights on the front and rear of such bus are covered with some opaque detachable material. . ." (Code 1950, §§22-151.2, 22-280.1; 1973, c. 368; 1975, c. 633; 1980, c. 559.)

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Code of Va., §22.1-185. Shelters on bus routes.-- "The governing body of any county, city or town may expend funds for the construction and maintenance at points on school bus routes of such shelters, platforms or other structures as it may deem necessary or convenient for the protection and comfort of children of school age who go to such points to meet school buses. (Code 1950, §22-282; 1980, c. 559.)

Code of Va., §22.1-186. Payments for transportation of pupils.-- "The regulations of the Board of Education governing state payments for pupil transportation shall provide for payments to school divisions for pupil transportation provided by the school divisions both through systems operated by the school divisions and through contracts with public transportation facilities. (Code 1950, §22-283.1; 1972, c. 699; 1980, c. 559.)

Code of Va., §22.1-187. Exemption from payment of tolls by certain students, etc.-- "It shall be unlawful to collect any toll for the use of any road, highway, bridge or ferry in this Commonwealth, except those financed under the State Revenue Bond Act (§33.1-267 et seq.) or other act authorizing the construction by the State or a political subdivision thereof of projects financed by the issuance of bonds payable solely from tolls and other revenues of the project, (i) by any student or other person using the road, highway, bridge or ferry daily for going to or from immediate attendance upon any school, college, or other education institution in this Commonwealth, or classes in water safety training conducted under the auspices of the American Red Cross or (ii) by the vehicle carrying the student or other person. . ." (Code 1950, §22-277; 1956, c. 237; 1958, c. 465; 1980, c. 559.)

Code of Va., §22.1-256. (Effective July 1, 1994)
Children exempted from article.-- "A. The provisions of this article shall not apply to:

1. Children suffering from contagious or infectious diseases while suffering from such diseases;

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- 1a. Children whose immunizations against communicable diseases have not been completed as provided in §22.1-271.2;
2. Children under ten years of age who live more than two miles from a public school unless public transportation is provided within one mile of the place where such children live;
3. Children between ten and seventeen years of age who live more than 2 1/2 miles from a public school unless public transportation is provided within 1 1/2 miles of the place where such children live;
4. Children excused under §22.1-257 of this article.

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(Code 1950, §22-275.3; 1959, Ex. Sess., c. 72; 1968, c. 178; 1975, c. 558; 1976, cc. 681, 713; 1978, c. 518; 1980, c. 559; 1981, c. 540; 1985, c. 407; 1993, c. 903.)

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